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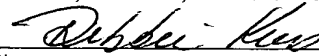
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Title: BINDING ASSAY DEVICE WITH NON-ABSORBENT CARRIER MATERIAL

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The references are cited in the enclosed search report mailed on June 25, 2003 in the course of a foreign counterpart prosecution. All references submitted herewith are deemed relevant because of citation in the foreign counterpart prosecution.

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